

In the Claims

The status of claims in the case is as follows:

1 1. [Currently amended] A systems integration method,
2 comprising the steps of:

3 separating work product descriptions from process
4 descriptions and relating them through an engagement
5 model and an engagement template by a three phase
6 process including:

7 in a first phase, defining an building said
8 engagement model based on best-of-breed concepts
9 which will be used to address for addressing
10 overall [[a]] market place requirement
11 requirements;

12 in a second phase, utilizing said engagement model
13 to create [[an]] said engagement template which
14 specifically addresses requirements of a specific
15 client requirements within said market place; and

16 in a third phase, measuring, monitoring and
17 controlling client engagements based upon said
18 engagement model template.

1 2. [Original] The systems integration method of claim 1,
2 said first phase further comprising the steps of:

3 enabling a generic engagement model for addressing said
4 market place requirements; and

5 generating work product descriptions specified by said
6 engagement model.

1 3. [Original] The systems integration method of claim 2,
2 said generic engagement mode including definitions of best
3 practices and reusable assets.

1 4. [Original] The systems integration method of claim 2,
2 said second phase further including the steps of:

3 creating an engagement template personalized to a

4 specific client engagement from said engagement model;

5 creating attack, resource, and deployment plans for
6 said specific client engagement using said engagement
7 template.

1 5. [Original] The systems integration method of claim 4,
2 said third phase further including the step of:

3 cyclically redefining said engagement template while
4 deploying said work product descriptions and process
5 descriptions to said client engagement.

1 6. [Original] The systems integration method of claim 5,
2 said third phase further including the steps of:

3 monitoring performance of said client engagement; and
4 based upon said performance, allocating resources to
5 further attack said marketplace requirement.

1 7. [Withdrawn] A method for defining an engagement model,
2 comprising the steps of:

3 responsive to recognition of a market opportunity,
4 accessing a database of current engagement families to
5 identify an engagement family corresponding to said
6 market opportunity;

7 upon determining that a current engagement family does
8 not exist appropriate to said market opportunity,
9 developing a new engagement model including iteratively
10 defining and applying to said new engagement model
11 required process descriptions and work product.
12 descriptions.

1 8. [Withdrawn] The method of claim 7, further comprising
2 the step responsive to determining that a current engagement
3 family does exist appropriate to said market opportunity,
4 adapting an existing engagement model to said market
5 opportunity including iteratively modifying and applying to
6 said existing engagement model required process descriptions
7 and work product descriptions.

1 9. [Withdrawn] A method for utilizing an engagement
2 model, said engagement model including work product
3 descriptions and process descriptions, comprising the steps
4 of:

5 providing a database of said engagement models;

6 developing a definition of client requirements and an
7 attack hypothesis for addressing said client issues;

8 determining whether said database contains an
9 appropriate engagement model for addressing said client
10 issues, including defining a fit parameter;

11 responsive to said fit parameter, making a bid/no bid
12 decision;

13 responsive to a bid decision, creating from said
14 appropriate engagement model an engagement template.

1 10. [Withdrawn] The method of claim 9, said step for
2 creating said engagement template further including the
3 steps of:

4 applying said appropriate engagement model to said
5 client requirements; and

6 adding, deleting and modifying work product
7 descriptions and process descriptions as required to
8 optimize said fit parameter.

1 11. [Withdrawn] The method of claim 10, further comprising
2 the steps of:

3 utilizing said engagement templates to define and
4 collect metrics across a plurality of engagement
5 models; and

6 responsive to said metrics, managing a family of said
7 engagement models, including adjusting market attack
8 plans and the allocation of constrained resources
9 responsive to the health of said family of engagement
10 models.

1 12. [Withdrawn] The method of claim 11, said metrics
2 including risk parameters, cost parameters, and customer

3 satisfaction parameters.

1 13. [Currently amended] A system for providing integrated
2 system solutions, comprising:

3 a set of process descriptions for describing how to
4 create each of a plurality of hardware, software, and
5 process components comprising application solutions;

6 a set of work product descriptions for defining a set
7 of said components for a specific application solution;

8 at least one engagement model collecting at least one
9 said process description and at least one said work
10 product description through a three phase process into
11 a model for implementing a typical project addressing a
12 type of marketplace requirement, said three phase
13 process including in a first phase, defining said
14 engagement model which will be used to address said
15 market requirement; in a second phase, utilizing said
16 engagement model to create an engagement template which
17 specifically addresses client requirements within said
18 market place; and in a third phase, measuring,

19 monitoring and controlling client engagements based
20 upon said engagement template.

1 14. [Original] The system of claim 13, further comprising:

2 at least one engagement family including a plurality of
3 said engagement models for addressing a family of
4 typical projects.

1 15. [Original] The system of claim 13, further comprising:

2 a plurality of work product descriptions organized into
3 a plurality of domains, each said domain being a
4 logical grouping of said work product descriptions.

1 16. [Original] The system of claim 15, said domains
2 including an application domain, an architecture domain, a
3 business domain, an engagement domain, an organization
4 domain, and an operations domain.

1 17. [Original] The system of claim 13, said work product
2 descriptions describing what to develop for a specific
3 project and said process description describing how to
4 develop said specific project.

1 18. [Original] The system of claim 17, said process
2 descriptions further comprising phase descriptions, activity
3 descriptions and task descriptions.

1 19. [Original] The system of claim 18, further comprising
2 at least one engagement template derived from one of said
3 engagement models for defining said work product
4 descriptions and said process descriptions for a specific
5 engagement project.

1 20. [Original] The system of claim 16, said application
2 domain organizing work product descriptions relating to the
3 design, development and testing of computer software
4 components, applications and systems.

1 21. [Original] The system of claim 16, said architecture
2 domain organizing work product descriptions relating to the
3 architecture of an information technology system for
4 addressing business and infrastructure requirements.

1 22. [Original] The system of claim 16, said business
2 domain organizing work product descriptions relating to the
3 structured investigation of current and desired situations
4 with a client' business.

1 23. [Original] The system of claim 16, said engagement
2 domain organizing work product descriptions relating to
3 project management and technical delivery for projects
4 worldwide.

1 24. [Original] The system of claim 16, said organization
2 domain organizing work product descriptions relating to
3 technology-based business transformations using
4 systematically defined organization analysis and design and
5 change management practices.

1 25. [Original] The system of claim 16, said operations
2 domain organizing work product descriptions relating to the
3 execution and management of information technology services
4 and resources and to the protection of information
5 technology assets.

1 26. [Currently amended] A program storage device readable
2 by a machine, tangibly embodying a program of instructions
3 executable by a machine to perform method steps for
4 providing systems integration, said method steps comprising:

5 separating work product descriptions from process
6 descriptions and relating them through an engagement
7 model and an engagement template by a three phase
8 process including:

9 in a first phase, defining an building said
10 engagement model based on best-of-breed concepts
11 ~~which will be used to address for addressing~~
12 overall [[a]] market place requirement
13 requirements;

14 in a second phase, utilizing said engagement model

15 to create [[an]] said engagement template which
16 specifically addresses requirements of a specific
17 client ~~requirements~~ within said market place; and

18 in a third phase, measuring, monitoring and
19 controlling client engagements based upon said
20 engagement model template.

1 27. [Withdrawn] A program storage device readable by a
2 machine, tangibly embodying a program of instructions
3 executable by a machine to perform method steps for defining
4 and utilizing an engagement model, said method steps
5 comprising:

6 responsive to recognition of a market opportunity,
7 accessing a database of current engagement families to
8 identify an engagement family corresponding to said
9 market opportunity;

10 upon determining that a current engagement family does
11 not exist appropriate to said market opportunity,
12 developing a new engagement model including iteratively
13 defining and applying to said new engagement model

14 required process descriptions and work product.
15 descriptions;

16 providing a database of said engagement models;

17 developing a definition of client requirements and an
18 attack hypothesis for addressing said client issues;

19 determining whether said database contains an
20 appropriate engagement model for addressing said client
21 issues, including defining a fit parameter;

22 responsive to said fit parameter, making a bid/no bid
23 decision; and

24 responsive to a bid decision, creating from said
25 appropriate engagement model an engagement template.

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28. [Canceled]

1 29. [Currently amended] An article of manufacture
2 comprising:

3 a computer useable medium having computer readable program
4 code means embodied therein for providing systems
5 integration, the computer readable program means in said
6 article of manufacture comprising:

7 computer readable program code means for causing a
8 computer to effect providing a set of process
9 descriptions for describing how to create each of a
10 plurality of hardware, software, and process components
11 comprising application solutions;

12 computer readable program code means for causing a
13 computer to effect providing a set of work product
14 descriptions for defining a set of said components for
15 a specific application solution;

16 computer readable program code means for causing a
17 computer to effect providing at least one engagement
18 model collecting at least one said process description
19 and at least one said work product description through
20 a three phase process into a model for implementing a
21 typical project addressing a type of marketplace
22 requirement, said three phase process including in a
23 first phase, defining said engagement model which will

24 be used to address said market requirement; in a second
25 phase, utilizing said engagement model to create an
26 engagement template which specifically addresses client
27 requirements within said market place; and in a third
28 phase, measuring, monitoring and controlling client
29 engagements based upon said engagement template.

1 30. [Withdrawn] A computer program product or computer
2 program element configured to be operable responsive to a
3 customer having requirements for executing process steps for
4 defining and using an engagement model, said engagement
5 model including work product descriptions and process
6 descriptions, said process steps comprising:

7 providing a database of said engagement models;

8 developing a definition of client requirements and an
9 attack hypothesis for addressing said client issues;

10 determining whether said database contains an
11 appropriate engagement model for addressing said client
12 issues, including defining a fit parameter;

13 responsive to said fit parameter, making a bid/no bid
14 decision;

15 responsive to a bid decision, creating from said
16 appropriate engagement model an engagement template;

17 applying said appropriate engagement model to said
18 client requirements;

19 adding, deleting and modifying work product
20 descriptions and process descriptions as required to
21 optimize said fit parameter;

22 utilizing said engagement templates to define and
23 collect metrics across a plurality of engagement
24 models; and

25 responsive to said metrics, managing a family of said
26 engagement models, including adjusting market attack
27 plans and the allocation of constrained resources
28 responsive to the health of said family of engagement
29 models.